



Annual Report 2014

Welcome to the Parish Council's Annual Report for 2014

This past year has been another busy year for your Parish Council. Further on in the newsletter I have detailed many of the issues, projects and consultations that we have been involved in. Your Council spends much time ensuring that the views and concerns of our community are heard, in particular to do with the future development of South Cambridgeshire, our village and on issues which will affect the lives of our residents.

In particular we work to provide and improve community services for all residents. The hugely successful allotment project being a major one over the past 18 months. Others are mentioned below. If there are services or projects that you would like the Parish Council to consider, then please come along to one of our meetings to talk to us about it.

Community Warden Scheme This new scheme started up in October and has received funding from the Parish Council, South Cambs District Council, Thomas Galon Charity, AgeUK, Bethel Church and Mr J Barker. Clients and their families are benefitting from the service provided. If you or a relative would like to find out more, please do contact us.



Cycleway As you will all have seen, the cycle/footpath along Buckingham Road is now taking shape. This will provide a much needed safe route not only to the Business Park but over the A14 to the Cambridge Services site and as a link to footpaths and bridleways the other side of the A14.and we hope to have saved the many daffodil bulbs along the route for replanting later this year.

Moat Way Play Area A design has been chosen by the project working party, following extensive consultation with children and local residents. Grant applications have now been submitted and we are awaiting funding decisions. If successful we should be installing the new play equipment this autumn. Improved landscaping around the area will also be looked at. Low level fencing has already been provided and will be underplanted with shrubs in the autumn.



Affordable Housing A development of 20 'exception site affordable homes' has been granted planning permission for a site to the north of Fen Drayton Road. These homes will be available to tenants from the District Council's housing register with a direct work or family connection to Swavesey. Anyone interested in registering for a property should contact www.home-link.org.uk

The White Horse Inn Following concerns raised by local residents over the future of the pub, the Parish Council applied to have the building listed as an Asset of Community Value with South Cambridgeshire District Council. So, should the building come up for sale, a community group would be given an opportunity to bid to purchase it. Together with The White Horse Action Group, the Parish Council is also discussing with South Cambs District Council other ways to help protect the future of the pub within the planning regulations.



Finally, my thanks go to all Councillors, Parish Council staff and volunteers on the working parties, project groups and committees for all their time and hard work.

Martin Johnston, Parish Council Chairman

SUMMARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2014

<u>31/03/2013</u>		<u>31/03/2014</u>
£	RECEIPTS	£
51,500.00	Precept	52,100.00
494.47	Interest on Investments	248.85
500.00	Loan/ Capital receipts	0.00
1,143.77	Agency Serv's (Verge cutting)	1,200.96
8,607.00	Grants	2,268.00
62.03	Rents & Donations	1,119.79
0.00	S.106 Commuted Sum	0.00
73.80	General Administration	74.71
0.00	Training	0.00
0.00	Recreational Areas	177.81
425.00	Grounds & Village Maintenance	400.00
<u>62,804.07</u>	TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>57,590.12</u>
	PAYMENTS	
1,140.00	Agency Services	1,140.00
5,235.00	Grants to Community Clubs/Charities	5,235.00
4,885.46	Loan Repayments	4,885.46
0.00	S106 Community Fund Expenditure	0.00
29,680.68	Admin, Insurances, staff, subscriptions	33,893.65
3,294.82	Capital spending (asset purchase)	2,227.72
6,577.50	Grounds Maintenance	5,045.00
2,008.99	Village Maintenance Work	2,638.53
843.24	Recreation Green, Play area	1,556.40
11,166.94	Allotment Site project	2,269.47
0.00	Community Warden Scheme	3,000.00
0.00	Rents and Donations	150.00
<u>64,832.63</u>	TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>62,041.23</u>
28,870.26	Balance as at 01/04/2013 >	26,493.16
62,804.07	Add Receipts	57,590.12
64,832.63	Deduct Payments	62,041.63
26,841.70		22,042.05
-348.54	Transfers to/from Reserves	-4,748.63
<u>26,493.16</u>	General Fund Balance 31/03/2014 >	<u>26,790.68</u>

Bank Balances:

Current Account	12,468.29
Business account	31,797.99
	<u>44,266.28</u>
Less unpresented at year end	-1,951.22
Plus VAT owed	317.27
	<u>42,632.33</u>

26,493.16	General Funds	26,790.68
20,590.28	Earmarked Reserves	15,841.65
<u>47,083.44</u>		<u>42,632.33</u>

HOW THE MONEY WAS SPENT

The Parish Council's main source of income is the Precept, which is collected through the Council Tax by South Cambridgeshire District Council. For a Band D property, Swavesey's 2013/14 precept of £52,100 represented just £1.10 per household per week.

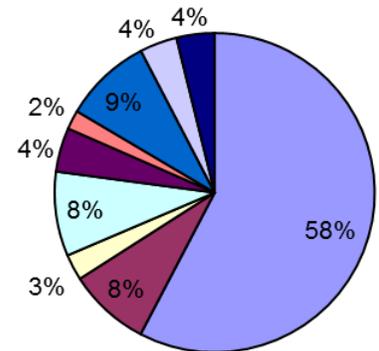
The Council has two employees: the Clerk who carries out all of the administration, legal and advisory work for the Council, and the Village Handyman who helps to maintain the public open spaces throughout the village.

Administration costs include annual subscriptions, insurances, general and office admin, staff costs and legal fees.

Capital Spending provided for a new bus shelter on Middlewatch.

This year saw the launch of the Community Warden Scheme managed by AgeUK, with an annual grant from the Parish Council.

Loan repayments are for the Community Sports Pavilion (a 10yr loan to 2021).



What we did in 2013 and what we will be doing in 2014

Finance

- In 2013 we supported: Swavesey Memorial Hall Charity; St Andrew's Churchyard; Baptist Cemetery; SAY Youth Café, Swavesey Primary School Walking Bus Scheme.
- In 2014 we will continue to support community groups with grants towards: The Memorial Hall; Churchyard and Cemetery maintenance; SAY youth projects; Community Arts Projects; Swavesey Festival.

Community Areas

- Low level fencing and underplanting of shrubs around Moat Way open space area, as a low-level safety barrier to the road.
- Hale Road Allotment Site. Completion of the new allotment site. If you would like an allotment plot please contact the Allotment Association at allotments@swavesey.org.uk
- Progress on the Moat Way Play area refurbishment – detailed on the front of this report.
- Together with the Football Clubs, we have set out a programme of annual grounds maintenance for the football pitches and improvements to the drainage over the whole of the recreation green.
- Maintenance and management of the village ponds, to ensure outflow pipes are clear, vegetation does not take-over the ponds and they can support the wildlife within them.
- The very tall Poplars around Moat Way pond require further maintenance and a long-term management plan for them is being considered.

Community Services

- The introduction of a Community Warden Scheme, to visit elderly residents and help enable them to continue to live independently in their own homes.

Administration

- Cllrs are up kept up to date with government legislation changes and the formalities of Parish Council decision making through training courses.
- The latest news on Parish Council business is published in every issue of the Meridian magazine.
- The Parish Council website holds copies of all Agendas and Minutes, together with information on current discussion items and projects.

Highways

- In association with the County Council we continue to review the programme of highway verge maintenance to prevent vehicles parking on and damaging the grass verges through the village.
- Double-yellow lines along the south side of Taylors Lane were provided, to prevent vehicles blocking access for large lorries and to make access safer.
- The provision of a cycleway / footpath along Buckingham Road is now underway. Making this a safer route for those who walk and cycle to/from work at the Business Park and Cambridge Services as well as providing a safe link to villages the other side of the A14.
- The Parish Council continues to cut the highway verges, on behalf of the County Council.
- The old metal bus shelter in Middlewatch was replaced with a wooden shelter of a similar design to the High Street and Boxworth End shelters.
- Parking issues and concerns around the village continue to be addressed.

Planning

- Northstowe Phase 1. We continue to take an active role in the discussions, particularly regarding drainage.
- Many planning applications within the village were commented on.
- The Parish Plan was reviewed during 2013 with an Action Plan presented to the Parish Council.



Council Agendas, Minutes and information on current topics can all be found on the Parish Council Webpage at: www.swavesey.org.uk

SWAVESEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council consists of 11 Councillors who are elected for 4 years and represent an electorate of 1,924

In May the Parish Council was re-elected (uncontested) for a further four year term until May 2018.

10 Cllrs stood for re-election and we have one new Cllr.

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Other contacts: **District Councillor:** Sue Ellington 202923 sue.ellington@virgin.net **County Councillor:** Mandy Smith 0780 1825 402 mandysmith310@btinternet.com

WORK AND ROLE OF SWAVESEY PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councils play a vital part in obtaining and representing local views on various issues and are consulted by other public authorities such as District & County Councils, Health Authorities and Government Departments on a wide variety of issues affecting their parish.

Decisions are taken by the elected councillors at legally convened meetings, which are all open to the public. Agendas are displayed on the Parish Council noticeboard outside of the Memorial Hall in the High Street and on the Parish Council website. Minutes of all meetings are also published on the Parish Council website.

- Maintenance of public open spaces at:
 - The Recreation Green
 - Market Street Green
 - Children's play areas
 - Moat Way
 - Village ponds
 - Constable's Rood
 - Carters Way/Priory Avenue
- Together with the Allotment Association, Hale Road Allotment Site
- On behalf of the County Council:
 - Rights of Way maintenance
 - Verge cutting
- Provides and maintains bus shelters, seats, plants tubs, parish noticeboards
- Works with the District Council to provide and maintain dog-waste bins and litter bins around the village
- Nominates representatives and trustees and supports the work of the following village bodies:
 - Swavesey Fire Relief Charity (Frere Cottages)
 - The Thomas Galon Charity
 - The Swavesey Byways Committee
 - Meridian Magazine Committee
 - Swavesey Community Pavilion Committee
 - Festival Steering Group
 - The Memorial Hall Charity
 - Swavesey Action for Youth Committee
 - Community Management Committee - Village College Performance Hall (Swavesey Venue)
- Comments on, but not decides on, all planning applications within the parish
- Implementation of the Parish Plan Action Plan



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We would very much appreciate your feedback on the information provided within this report and our Meridian Magazine reports, we will do our best act on it and take up issues with the relevant authorities. We would also be delighted to hear from you on any other topics raised, or other matters of concern.

Do remember also that all Parish Council meetings are open to the public